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LA protesters stand firm after defying eviction



LOS ANGELES -- Photo shows Anti-Wall Street protesters resting in front of a row of Los Angeles police across from the Occupy LA camp in Los Angeles, California yesterday, as Occupy LA protesters avoid an eviction raid from police officers.

More than 1,000 anti-Wall Street protesters defied a deadline to leave a park near Los Angeles City Hall, as police vowed to evict them "as gently as possible" to clear out a two-month old camp.

The midnight deadline

passed without police charging the encampment, but by the middle of the night scores of baton-wielding officers had surrounded the park, preventing the protesters from moving into adjacent streets to clear the streets for the morning traffic.

A small group of protesters also announced legal action aimed at preventing police from breaking up their encampment in a park near City Hall, which remained in place despite a midnight deadline.

Final exams at the EPI Culinary School really teach students about "sweating it out in the kitchen"

One expects when choosing to be a cook as a profession to be working in a hot kitchen most of the time, but finals time at the EPI Culinary School has their fledgling chefs really in the hot seat.

"We train them hard for this test after their mid-terms," explains their instructor, Chef Alvin Leest, "and we come down on them hard during the final exams, because if you really want to call yourself a professional chef, there is no excuse for something unacceptable to ever be placed before a patron."

can compare techniques for preparing the same dishes and their performance during finals will account for 40% of their grade.

Gisslen's "Professional Cooking" is the bible of the EPI, and all dishes must conform to the recipes in the book. Though creativity is a prerequisite in any chef, first year students are there to learn the basics, so are required to stick to the recipes and these classic, tried and true techniques. Getting innovative by changing the standard ingredients of an iconic dish, such as a



Chef Steba sample the Clam Chowder made with Oysters



Quiche Lorraine

For the entire week, the EPI kitchens will be busy with rotating groups, morning and afternoon. Each group of twelve students will have 3 hours to complete one of six 3-course menus devised by their instruc-



Seafood Scampi with potatoes and broccoli

tors, which they draw from a hat; first year students must prepare an appetizer, soup or salad and main course in the time allowed, second year students will also prepare a dessert. Duplication by students is calculated, so testers



Sampling their creations in the Black Room

chef salad or a Quiche Lorraine, no matter how tasty, will cost points towards their grades; they will have plenty

of opportunity to express their inner culinary artist in the later years of their education.

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Labor Force Survey to be extended by one week!

ORANJESTAD -- After 4 weeks of tracking through our barrios interviewing a select group of citizens, the Ministry of Tourism reports much success with this important project. The large number of selected homes were visited and interviewed by a survey team; and the cooperation was fantastic.

The Survey was scheduled to be conducted in a 4 weeks period, from October 31st to November 27th. However, through this means, the Ministry of Labor wishes to inform everyone that they will extend the survey for one more week, November 28 to December 4th. This additional week will be used to return to those homes where no one was at home at the time, or to certain addresses that were incorrect. There were addresses that resulted in being a business concern and not a residence. There were also cases where the household was out of the island on vacation. This week will be used to return to these places for the all-important interviews.

Obviously, the Survey team continues to count on the cooperation of these homes as well.

The main objective of this survey is to obtain a complete and actual picture of our

Labor Market for the year 2011. This survey is a method for collecting information concerning the population that is economically active and those that are inactive. This objective is in conformity with the guidelines established by ILO.

An important segment of information that is being measured from the data collected is the level of unemployment in the labor force and the level of unemployment of those between the ages of 15 to 24 years of age.

The scientific method used in this particular Survey selected about 2000 addresses around the island to participate in the survey. The vast majority of the 2000 addresses have been visited by the 25 interviewers during the past 4 weeks.

The Minister of Labor was pleased with the response and cooperation of everyone who assisted in making this Project a success. He had words of praise for a job well done. Oduber is now calling on those who are yet to be visited to cooperate so that they can finalize the process with the same success as the first 4 weeks. It is important to mention too that all the information collected will remain totally anonymous and confidential.

Aruba in high gear for all-important Tourism Summit

ORANJESTAD -- The government of Aruba is committed to implementing a Strategic Plan with its focus on maintaining and improving Aruba's competitive position in the Caribbean.

In 2010 the Dick Pope Institute for Tourism Studies of the University Of Central Florida Rosen College Of Hospitality Management was entrusted with the task of creating this Strategic Plan for Aruba.

The Strategic Plan is comprised of different 'cross-sections' of Aruba which is designed to steer us into a new strategic direction. Factors in the planning will include demographic data of tourists which is in constant change, the experience of tourists on the island compared to the preferences and expectations of tourists, while ensuring, and maintaining and improving the quality of life of our citizens.

In preparation for this project, six focus groups were formed in the areas of authenticity, productivity, partnership, food and generations. Surveys were conducted in the areas of telecommunications, experiences of cruise visitors, vacation preferences, and the experiences related to food. The data collected from these areas would prove important for future recommendations.

The data collected by the team of UCF in preparation for the Strategic Plan for the Development of Tourism, will provide Aruba with helpful tools for the development of a sustainable tourism.

Meanwhile Aruba continues to increase her competitiveness as a destination.

The Minister of Tourism, Otmar Oduber, was pleased to report that thus far we have new strategies. After discussing these with all stake-

holders, these strategies will be included in the management of Aruba's tourism; and will be presented at the upcoming Tourism Summit scheduled for December 8 and 9.

Aruba is in high gear as we prepare for this Tourism Summit on December 8 and 9 in the prestigious Renaissance Convention Center. All of Aruba's local strategic partners and invited international guests will be in attendance to discuss the actual and future situation of our tourism.

On December 8th, the first day of the Summit, Aruban university professor, Dr. Robertico Croes and Dr. Manuel Rivera will present the Strategic Plan titled, "Winning the Future: a Tourism Strategic Plan for Aruba on How To."

The plan will be presented following a speech by Minister Otmar Oduber on "Winning the Future."

Both presentations will be exclusively for local Partners since these will be strategies that Aruba will be using to maintain and improve our competitiveness in the tourism industry in the region for the upcoming years.

On the 9th, the second day of the Summit, our International visitors will be in attendance and will sit in on a presentation by Mr. Greg Richards, professor of Leisure Studies at Tilburg University in the Netherlands. Richards will be speaking on "Tourism, Cre-

ativity and Development-Global and Local Perspectives." This will be followed by a presentation by Mr. Carlos Vogeler, Regional Director for the Americas of the United Nations World Tourism Organization. Vogeler is also professor of Business Economics at Rey Juan Carlos University in Madrid, Spain.

Vogeler will speak on the topic, "Safeguarding the future of tourism-Global and Local Perspectives."

The final presentation for the day will be from John Checketts, Director of Route Planning of JetBlue Airlines. Checketts will present "JetBlue's global and regional perspective on the future of air service."

In the afternoon hours there will be several breakout sessions to discuss the new Strategic Plan for the Development of Tourism on Aruba. In this session all local stakeholders will be participating with Dr. Robertico Croes and Dr. Manuel Rivera acting as facilitators.

Both Croes and Rivera are members of the faculty at Rosen College of Hospitality Management of the University of Central Florida.

The government of Aruba is counting on the faithful participation of all stakeholders on Aruba in this very important Tourism Summit. This Summit is designed to determine the future of Aruba's economic pillar... our all important Tourism!



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Happy 39th Anniversary Ana and Joe



This family Thanksgiving vacation was combined with a very special celebration, a celebration of love. Congratulations Ana and Joe with your 39th Anniversary, and what better place to be than Aruba, where they have been coming to yearly, since they got married.

Their favorite hotel, home away from home, for most of this time is the Hyatt Regency. The friendly atmosphere, the beautiful beach, and the whole family together is their idea of a great vacation away from



their daily routine in New Jersey.

Photos by Diane Keijzer show Ana and Joe, son Philip and wife Celia with their four

boys, Stevie, Joseph, Richard and Daniel, and son Richie and his wife Emily with their two children Noah and Chloe. We'll see you next year!

Happy Anniversary wishes today, November 29, for Jennifer and Jason



Jennifer and Jason, from New Jersey, celebrate their anniversary every year at the Hyatt Regency where they enjoyed their honeymoon five years ago. This is the second time they come here with their son Anthony, who will be celebrating his third birthday on Christmas Day. How beautiful are the days that are touched by love.

Photo by Diane Keijzer.



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A donation from Zwembad 'De Hoorn' in Holland

Four swimsuits for the children of the Mi Por foundation



Four really cool swimsuits, especially designed for physically challenged children, are now on Aruba. The colorful suits were proudly displayed by swimming instructors Hans Zwarts and Anjo Zwart recently; they came to the island via their personal connections with Zwembad De Hoorn in Alphen aan de Rijn in Holland.

There Mrs. Adri Punt and Rolanda van 't Wout learned about the Mi Por Foundation (Mi Por means I Can) and as the suits were the hottest thing

around and a great tool as well, they decided to donate four of the models to this very worthy charity, which supports physically challenged children and their families in countless ways, among them swimming lessons.

The suits have floating devices that can be inserted or taken out as needed. They are great-looking and we are sure that the kids will love to wear them during their next class.

Photo shows Hans and Anjo showing one of the special bathing suits from Holland.

Lot's of fun with and high spirits for black and blues the day after Thanksgiving as shoppers converge on Paseo Herencia

Yes, "Black Friday" bargain shopping has descended on Aruba, without the "blues" of battling frantic bargain shoppers or camping out for days on end to be the first in the door. The Friday night shopping bazaar at the popular Palm Beach mall and entertainment center had a relaxed and congenial ambiance as visitors strolled its corridors and examined some very nice buys from over one dozen of their exclusive shops.

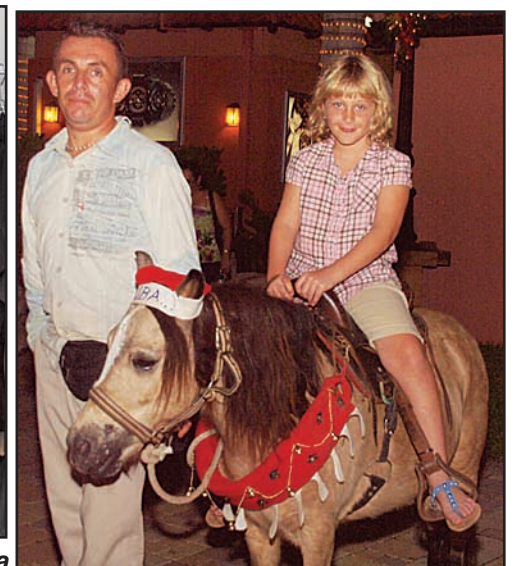
The festive event, where many choose to dine first and then go on to do their holiday shopping, features gaita con-



Great buys on soft bamboo tee shirts at Cariloha



One of a kind hand painted dress by owner Angela



Pony rides for the youngsters



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among many other items that would make welcome gifts.

This infamous day after Thanksgiving has provided some sensational news fodder for the wire services, but on Aruba it was all good, without the "black and blue," which has made the day notorious in the U.S.

by Rosalie Klein



certs, a lively genre of regional holiday music, in the Plaza Padu at 8:00 PM. When Paseo Herencia staged their lighting of their famous trees two weeks prior, mall management discovered the evening of seasonal spirit was so enjoyable, they decided to continue the practice each Friday night until Christmas.

The delightful ambiente made shopping a breeze, and happy patrons found bargains galore in electronics, hand crafted souvenirs, soft bamboo tee shirts and designer bathing suits and leather accessories,

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Final exams at the EPI

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Stewed chicken with Spinach Terraine

Testing was done in classic culinary competition fashion; students brought their dishes to Chef Leest and Chef Steba in the "Black Room" where they honestly, but constructively, critiqued and graded. In the case of what the judges considered a serious error, the students will be allowed to do a make-up to show they can achieve what is required.

This is how Aruba's Culinary Institute, a part of the Hospitality and Tourism Management School of the island's advance vocational training institute, prepares the next generation of chefs who will hopefully be providing delightful dining experiences for vacationers in the next 5 to 10 years. The school attracts students from across the region, and some from the U.S., providing them with credentials as being certified by the American Culinary Federation, when they graduate.

by Rosalie Klein

Aruba Bank's campaign Good4TheNeighborhood continues Colegio Arubano participating with theme: "Show your talent to STOP VIOLENCE"

During a recent press conference, students of Colegio Arubano Oranjestad announced their participation in the second Good4TheNeighborhood campaign conducted by Aruba Bank.

Last year, Colegio Arubano students worked on a project to stop violence; this year the students decided to again put the spotlight on this important theme by organizing an event titled "Show your talent to STOP VIOLENCE".

A number of brainstorming sessions resulted in the idea to approach the elementary schools located near Colegio Arubano to involve younger age groups in their effort to stop violence.

The concept of "Show your talent to STOP VIOLENCE" will be presented in the form of musical theater,



where the kids will bring forward the different cases of violence that is taking place in

our daily life in an attempt to raise awareness in the community and what each of us can do

to put a stop to the problem.

The event will consist of presentations among the par-

ticipating basic schools with prizes for the three top schools.

The Colegio Arubano team has already received great interest in this project, and soon it will announce the participating schools. The "Show your talent to STOP VIOLENCE" event is planned for December 7 at the Cas di Cultura.

For more information or to participate in the event, readers may contact Colegio Arubano at e-mail colegioarubano@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page "Good4TheNeighborhood'StopViolence."

The Colegio Arubano team is very confident that its project will help make everyone, especially our youth, more aware of this detriment to our society and will surely wish to contribute in some way towards STOPPING VIOLENCE.

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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

Assad regime orders crimes against humanity

GENEVA (AFP) - Syrian security forces committed crimes against humanity, including the killing and torture of children, after orders from the top of Bashar al-Assad's regime, UN-appointed investigators said yesterday.

Evidence gathered by the Independent Commission of Inquiry on Syria found state officials guilty of murders, rape and torture, in their brutal crackdown on protesters since March.

The panel interviewed 223 victims and witnesses, among them defectors from President Assad's security forces who told of shoot to kill orders to crush demonstrators and cases of children being tortured to death.

"The commission believes that orders to shoot and otherwise mistreat civilians originated from policies and directives issued at the highest levels of the armed forces and the government," the panel said in its report.

Chairman Paulo Pinheiro told a press conference in Geneva: "Members of the Syrian army and security forces have committed crimes against humanity in their repression of a largely civilian population in the context of a peaceful protest movement. "These crimes include murder, torture, rape and imprisonment.

"The commission has also concluded that the widespread and systematic violations of human rights in Syria could

not have happened without the consent of the highest-ranking state officials."

Defectors from military and security forces told the commission that they received orders to shoot at unarmed protesters without warning.

They had conducted joint operations with loyalist militias with "shoot to kill" orders, notably in Latakia in early April and in a suburb of the same port city in August.

The panel heard of sniper attacks on people leading marches and on those trying to rescue the wounded.

Torture and killings reportedly took place in the Homs Military Hospital by security forces dressed as doctors and abuse of detainees was described as "rampant" at the detention facilities of the Air Force Intelligence Branch at Mazzeh airport near Damascus.

The commission said Syria had violated the right to life, to peaceful assembly and to freedom of movement among others.

It called on the government to put an "immediate end to gross human rights violations" and launch an independent investigation into the violence.

The report also acknowledged the existence of the "Free Syrian Army," a group of defectors it said had claimed responsibility for armed attacks against military and security forces and in its list of recommendations the panel urged opposition groups to respect international human rights law.

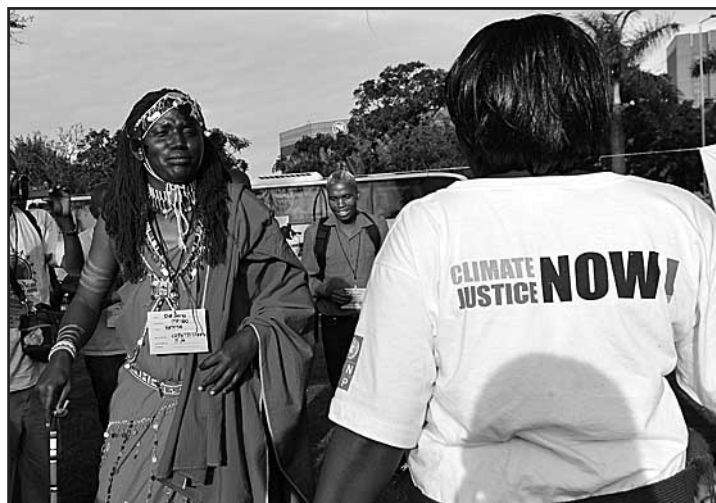
Rifts emerge as UN climate talks open

DURBAN (AFP) - UN climate talks got underway here yesterday amid calls for action to head off worsening drought, floods and storms but also to fears of a bustup just two years after a near-fiasco in Copenhagen.

Topping the agenda in Durban is the fate of the Kyoto Protocol, the only worldwide pact with targets for curbing heat-trapping emissions, whose first round of pledges expires at the end of 2012.

The conference must also push ahead with a "Green Climate Fund" that would muster up to 100 billion dollars a year to shore up the defences of vulnerable countries.

In a speech to the 194-nation forum, South African



AFP photop shows a Masi member of The Trans African Climate Caravan of Hope looking on during the UN Climate Change conference in Durban yesterday. Inspired by the Occupy Wall St. movement, protesters calling for "climate justice" gather edat the opening of UN climate talks in Durban, South Africa, organisers say



In Africa, the drought in Somalia is causing famine and contributing to thuggery and general unrest

President Jacob Zuma pointed to a series of disasters in his country as a sign of warning.

"We have experienced unusual and severe flooding in coastal areas in recent times, impacting on people directly as they lose their homes, jobs and livelihoods," he said.

"Given the urgency, governments need to strive to find solutions here in Durban. Change and solutions are always possible, and Durban must take us many steps forward towards a solution that saves tomorrow today."

But the mood has been

soured by a continuing rift over how to share out the burden of emissions curbs, while the global economic crisis casts a long shadow over the climate fund.

UN climate chief Christiana Figueres said the 12-day talks must urgently shore up public confidence.

"This conference needs to reassure the vulnerable -- all those who have already suffered and all those who will still suffer from climate change -- that tangible action is being taken for a safer future," she said.

Figueres pointed to record increases and levels in greenhouse-gas concentrations and jobs wrecked by extreme weather events.

Divisions within the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) are pitching rich against poor, rich against rich and poor against poor.

Wealthy countries that are parties to the Kyoto Protocol are baulking at developing-country demands to renew their emissions vows beyond 2012.

Such a move, they argue, would be folly so long as China, which as a developing economy has no specified targets under Kyoto, and the United States, which abandoned the treaty in 2001, are not bound by similar constraints.

The European Union (EU) is the last bloc in the developed world to champion Kyoto.

It is willing to take on a second round of pledges, but on one condition: all major emitters should endorse the completion of a legally-binding global climate pact, perhaps by 2015, into which Kyoto could be subsumed.

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Venezuela captures top drug lord

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuela has captured a major Colombian drug lord known as "El Valenciano," Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos said here yesterday during a visit with President Hugo Chavez.

Santos thanked Chavez for the arrest in Venezuela Sunday of Maximiliano Bonilla Orozco, who has a five million dollar US reward on his head, saying it showed the benefits of security cooperation between the two countries.

Venezuela and Colombia had tense relations under Santos's predecessor, but the Colombian president and Chavez have moved to improve ties between the South American neighbors despite their ideological differences.

Santos said the 39-year-old Bonilla Orozco controlled "a series of structures dedicated to crime and drug trafficking and so for us he had become an extremely high value target."

The US State Department alleges that Bonilla Orozco had been linked to the transport over \$25 million from the United States to Mexico, and had extensive dealings with Mexico's Zetas drug cartel.

It said his organization used a network of warehouses and front companies to buy legitimate goods that were stored and shipped with drugs.

Meanwhile, in Colombia, Colombian army Sergeant Luis Alberto Erazo returned to Bogota on Sunday from 12 years of captivity by FARC

rebels, a day after managing to escape during a battle as four other hostages were executed.

Erazo, 40, who had been held by the Marxist rebels since December 9, 1999, arrived in the capital by helicopter and was taken in an ambulance to a hospital for treatment, according to an AFP journalist at the scene.

The soldier, who suffered shrapnel wounds to the face as rebels in hot pursuit tossed a grenade at him, made no comment to the media.

Erazo escaped from a rebel encampment on Saturday where army forces were hunting for possible hostages. During the clash, FARC rebels executed four hostages but Erazo was later found alive.

US closes 150 websites in counterfeit crackdown

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US authorities said yesterday they have shut down 150 websites offering counterfeit goods like sports jerseys and luxury handbags in an operation tied to the pre-Christmas shopping surge.

The shutdowns, launched last week on the eve of the "Black Friday" post-Thanksgiving shopping surge, hit websites that were mostly backed by China-based counterfeiters, according to John Morton, director of the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), which led the operation.

ICE seized the domain names of the websites, posting a statement declaring the seizure on the website home pages.

"In a day when many consumers are shopping on line, we have, working together, disrupted the sale of thousands and thousands of counterfeit goods," said Lanny Breuer, assistant attorney general of the Department of Justice.

Most of the shuttered websites were offering jerseys and other items of US professional football, basketball, and hockey teams.

The counterfeit jerseys from one, NFLjerseysupply.org, sold football jerseys for \$46 that on official sites go for up to \$115.

Other sites offered brand-name sunglasses, Louis Vuitton handbags, Ugg boots among other products.

"They are exactly the kinds of products that Americans are looking for," said Breuer.

The announcement of the seizure came on "Cyber Monday," a day when online Christmas shopping has surged in recent years.

Morton said that, as in last year's operation, which shut down 58 websites, the operations were mainly overseas, "predominantly from China."

He also said some were backed by organized crime, but declined to give any details.

Mexico presidency threatens legal action over ICC complaint

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - The Mexican presidency has threatened legal action against activists who asked the International Criminal Court to probe officials for allowing torture and killings in a crackdown on drug gangs.

"The accusations against the government of Mexico are clearly unfounded and inadmissible ... being themselves real slander, reckless accusations that hurt not only people and institutions, but also terribly affect the good name of Mexico," said a statement from the presidency of Felipe Calderon late Sunday.

The government would "explore all the alternatives to

legally act against those who made the accusations," it said.

The complaint sought a formal probe into "war crimes and crimes against humanity," naming Calderon, top security officials and also top drug lords, over the deaths, disappearances and torture of civilians by drug traffickers and security forces.

More than 45,000 people have died in drug-related violence since Calderon launched a military crackdown on organized crime five years ago involving tens of thousands of troops.

Lawyer Netzai Sandoval -- who filed the complaint signed

by more than 20,000 people at the ICC on Friday -- said the activists would respond to the government with legal action at Mexico's Supreme Court if necessary.



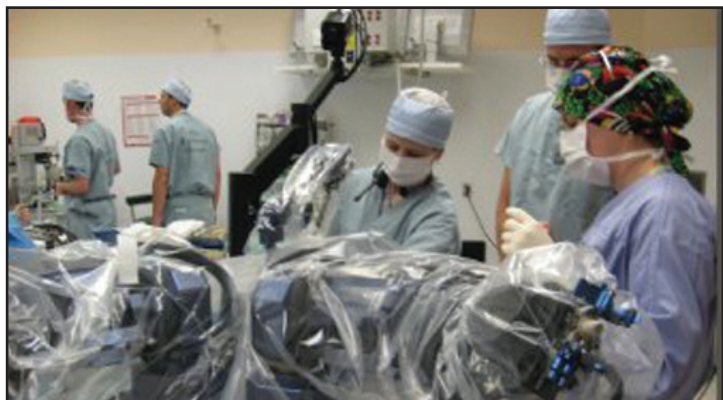
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO -- Locals protest outside St Joseph's college in Kinshasa during yesterday's polling after bystanders reportedly caught a person with two boxes of pre-filled ballots. Residents set fire to polling stations and stole ballots after discovering stuffed ballot boxes yesterday in the central city of Kananga as the Democratic Republic of Congo held elections, a UN source said. (AFP/Photo)

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Health & Living

Researchers design steady-handed robot for brain surgery



Medical robots are one of the most helpful applications of robots. (file photo)

BRUSSELS (AFP) - Neurosurgeons may one day get help in operating rooms from a robot with movements 10 times steadier than the human hand to perform delicate brain surgeries, the EU said Monday.

The European Commission touted the EU-funded ROBOCAST project as a breakthrough in robotic neurosurgery that could in future help treat tumors, epilepsy, Parkinson's disease and Tourette syndrome.

Developed by British, German, Italian and Israeli re-

searchers, the robotic hand, guided by a surgeon, has 13 types of movement compared to four available to human hands during minimally invasive surgery.

It even has "haptic feedback", or physical cues that allow surgeons to assess tissue and feel the amount of force applied during surgery, the European Commission said in reporting the EU-funded ROBOCAST project.

The robot has only been tested on dummies so far, performing keyhole neurosurgery, in which a probe enters a tiny

hole in the skull to manipulate tissue or collect blood and other fluids.

"Robots can reduce surgeon's tremor tenfold, making them especially useful in protecting the delicate and important brain matter," the commission said.

The European Union, marking European Robotics Week, said it was funding a parallel project involving three robots to assist surgeons operating on patients who must stay away during neurosurgery.

The EU's executive Commission has already spent 400 million euros in around 100 robotics projects. Brussels says global demand for robot-related products was worth around 15.5 billion euros in 2010, including 3.0 billion in Europe.

High-Fiber Diet May Help Thwart Colon Cancer

-- Eating a high-fiber diet may reduce your risk of colorectal cancer, especially if the fiber is from cereal and whole grains, according to a new review.

British and Dutch researchers analyzed 25 studies that included a total of nearly 2 million people. Compared with the lowest levels of fiber consumption, each 10 gram per day increase in intake of total dietary fiber and cereal fiber was associated with a 10 percent reduced risk of colorectal cancer.

Consuming 90 grams more a day (three servings, or three and one-quarter ounces) of whole grains was associated with about a 20 percent lower risk.

The review did not find significant evidence of a link between fruit or vegetable fiber and colorectal cancer risk.

A previous analysis did find that a high intake of fruit and vegetables was associated with a reduced risk of colorectal cancer, which suggests that components other than fiber in fruits and vegetables may play a role, the researchers said.

The study appears online Nov. 11 in BMJ.

They also noted that a high-fiber diet may reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, overweight, obesity and possibly overall risk of death.

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- Whole grain barley or whole rye.

- Buckwheat or buckwheat flour.

- Quinoa, triticale, millet or sorghum.



Chinese students show a handmade red ribbon in Han-shan, China in 2009. A \$1.6-billion (1.2-billion-euro) cut in funding for AIDS treatment could affect millions of people as donors failed to meet commitments to the Global Fund, campaigners said Monday.

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One expert said there may be a physiological basis for the anti-cancer benefit of a high-fiber diet.

"This study highlights the importance of a diet rich in fiber," said Dr. Anthony Starpoli, a gastroenterologist at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City. "We know that soluble is most helpful in improving colon transit times. As the contents of the colon move at a better rate, there is thought to be less toxic exposure to the interior of the colon thereby reducing risk of developing colon cancer," he explained.

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer worldwide, with 1.2 million new cases diagnosed each year, the news release noted.

The findings provide more evidence of the many health

benefits of whole grains, but further research is needed to learn how this occurs, Anne Tjonneland, from the Danish Cancer Society, added in an accompanying editorial.

More information

The American Academy of Family Physicians outlines how to increase your fiber intake.



Sci-Tech

Wind power to make up half of Danish energy use in 2020

COPENHAGEN (AFP) - Denmark aims to have wind power supply half of the country's electricity needs in 2020, under a new programme presented by Climate and Energy Minister Martin Lidegaard.

"Denmark must use a lot more renewable energy and we will have to become much better at using energy efficiently," Lidegaard told reporters.

The country aims to be 100 percent free of fossil fuels in 2050, relying instead on wind power, biomass and biogas, the government said on its website where it presented its new

"Our Energy" programme.

The left-wing government, which came to power in September, has largely overtaken the previous centre-right administration's energy programme "but setting the goals higher", the ministry said.

The previous government's plan called for an increase in the use of wind power from 20 percent today to 42 percent in 2020.

The new government plans to invest 5.6 billion kroner (750 million euros, \$996 million) in its energy programme, compared to 3.6 billion ear-

marked by its predecessor.

The investments will be financed by the public and companies through higher energy prices, encouraging Danes to better isolate their homes and buildings to save energy.

The government expects households to reduce their average energy consumption by eight to 10 percent by 2020.

The government said it planned to hold negotiations with political parties across the board so that the programme will not have to be changed when a different government comes to power.

US closes 150 websites in counterfeit crackdown

(AFP) - US authorities said Monday they have shut down 150 websites offering counterfeit goods like sports jerseys and luxury handbags in an operation tied to the pre-Christmas shopping surge.

The shutdowns, launched last week on the eve of the "Black Friday" post-Thanksgiving shopping surge, hit websites that were mostly backed by China-based counterfeiters, according to John Morton, director of the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), which led the operation.

ICE seized the domain names of the websites, posting

a statement declaring the seizure on the website home pages.

"In a day when many consumers are shopping on line, we have, working together, disrupted the sale of thousands and thousands of counterfeit goods," said Lanny Breuer, assistant attorney general of the Department of Justice.

Most of the shuttered websites were offering jerseys and other items of US professional football, basketball, and hockey teams.

The counterfeit jerseys from one, NFLjerseysupply.org, sold football jerseys for \$46 that on official sites go

for up to \$115.

Other sites offered brand-name sunglasses, Louis Vuitton handbags, Ugg boots among other products.

"They are exactly the kinds of products that Americans are looking for," said Breuer.

The announcement of the seizure came on "Cyber Monday," a day when online Christmas shopping has surged in recent years.

Morton said that, as in last year's operation, which shut down 58 websites, the operations were mainly overseas, "predominantly from China."

He also said some were backed by organized crime, but declined to give any details.

"We're all very concerned... about the connection to organized crime and the ability for the profits from these sorts of crimes fueling other criminal activities."

UAE president 'pardons five jailed Internet activists'

(AFP) - Five Emirati Internet activists, jailed for up to three years on charges including insulting the Gulf state's leaders, have been pardoned, their lawyer said on Monday.

The top court in the United Arab Emirates on Sunday handed blogger Ahmed Mansoor a three-year prison sentence, while four others received two years each.

Mansoor was convicted along with Nasser bin Gaith, who lectures at the Abu Dhabi branch of the Sorbonne University, and activists Fahid Salim Dalk, Hassan Ali Khamis and Ahmed Abdul Khaleq.

The five, who were arrested in April, were accused of using the Internet to insult UAE leaders, of calling for a boycott of September's Federal National Council elections and over anti-government demon-

strations.

Their trial was criticised earlier this month as "grossly unfair" by a coalition of seven rights groups including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, which called for the five to be freed.

But the Supreme Court pressed ahead in announcing its verdict.

The five defendants, described by sympathisers as reformists, refused to show up in court on Sunday, saying in a message delivered by a police officer that the court "did not enable them to defend themselves."

The defendants were said on Sunday to be still on a hunger strike they began earlier this month.

The pardon coincides with the UAE's celebration of its 40th National Day which falls on December 2.



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Kindle sales quadrupled on Black Friday



(AFP) - Online retailing giant Amazon said Monday that sales of its Kindle e-readers and tablets quadrupled on Black Friday over the previous year's annual pre-Christmas national shopping orgy.

The company gave no spe-

cific data on Kindle sales last Friday, but said its new tablet computer, the Kindle Fire, was also the bestselling product on Amazon.com.

"Even before the busy holiday shopping weekend, we'd already sold millions of the new Kindle family," Dave Limp, vice president of Amazon's Kindle division, said in a statement.

"Black Friday was the best ever for the Kindle family -- customers purchased four times as many Kindle devices as they did last Black Friday - and last year was a great year," he said.

Amazon has slashed prices of the Kindle e-readers and set

a below-cost price for the Fire -- a rival of Apple's iPad -- with an eye at boosting sales of e-books, music and movies from its online store, analysts say.

"The Kindle Fire, at a retail price point of \$199, is sold at a loss by Amazon, just as the basic Kindle is also sold at a loss at the current \$79 retail price point," IHS iSuppli's Andrew Rassweiler said earlier this month.

"Amazon makes its money not on Kindle hardware, but on the paid content and other products it plans to sell the consumer through the Kindle," Rassweiler said.

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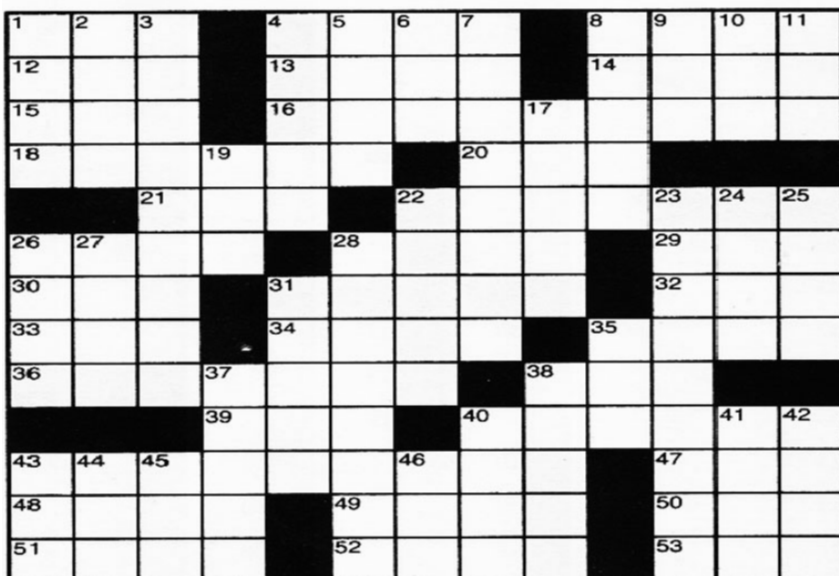
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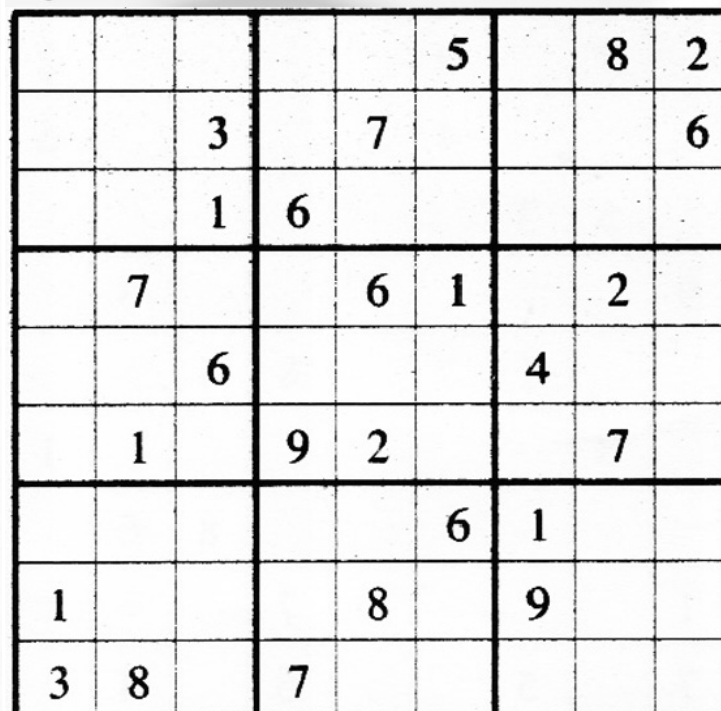
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9. A number is Never repeated in a row or column. In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9

Finance

Europe's crisis hits new pitch on 'deep depression' warning

PARIS (AFP) - Europe yesterday reeled from warnings it faces a "deep depression" if the eurozone collapses and that every EU nation's credit rating could be hit without firm action to resolve the debt crisis.

An updated growth report from the OECD said the crisis was now just one step away from plunging advanced economies into an abyss of recession and could trigger waves of bankruptcies.

Moody's, one of the three main ratings agencies, warned even countries such as Germany may have to have their credit status revised -- a move which would force them to pay higher borrowing costs.

Italy, the focus of warnings from Germany and France that if it cannot dominate its debt problem it will wreck the eurozone, launched a patriotic drive to encourage people to buy bonds.

And while Belgium managed to raise 2.0 billion euros (\$2.66 billion) in a bond auction, it had to agree to investor demands for a 5.65 percent return for benchmark 10-year bonds compared to 4.37 percent less than a month ago.

Meanwhile in Washington, US President Barack Obama hosted a summit with the top European Union officials over his mounting concern about the impact of the eurozone crisis across the Atlantic.

"The United States stands ready to do our part to help them resolve this issue," Obama said after hosting EU representatives at the White House. "This is of huge importance to our economy. If Europe is contracting, or if Europe is having difficulties, then it's much more difficult for us to create good jobs here at home."

Despite the glut of bad news, European stocks and the euro rebounded sharply yesterday after days of sustained heavy losses, with investors snapping up bargains and positive reaction to a report saying Italy was to get an Interna-

tional Monetary Fund bailout - later flatly denied.

The report by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development made grim reading globally, as it forecast the United States faced a period of slow growth, Japan's economy would shrink 0.3 percent this year and developing nations would also see a slowdown. But its starkest warning was reserved for the 17-nation eurozone which it said was set for growth of 1.6 percent and next year just 0.2 percent.

The OECD said there was still time for decisive action by policymakers to avert a far worse outlook, urging the European Central Bank to buy up devalued government debt bonds in huge quantities.

That advice flies in the face of an insistence by Germany which has so far rejected extra bond purchases, arguing the

priority is for countries in trouble to reform their economies.

The OECD spoke openly about the possibility of a eurozone break-up, saying an exit by one or more countries "would most likely result in a deep depression in both the exiting and remaining euro area countries as well as in the world economy."

"The euro area crisis represents the key risk to the world economy at present," the OECD said. "A large negative event would ... most likely send the OECD area as a whole into recession."

Moody's also evoked the prospect of the eurozone fragmenting, saying "the probability of multiple defaults ... is no longer negligible" and that would "significantly increase" the likelihood of one or more members dumping the currency.



MADRID -- Chinese merchants show a banner 'I pay my taxes, I want the second license' during a protest in front of Madrid's City hall at Cibeles square in Madrid, Spain yesterday. Hundreds of Chinese shopkeepers demonstrated in Madrid yesterday to demand the right to sell beer and wine, in what Spanish media said was the first public protest by the community. (AFP PHOTO)

Spain regions close to 2011 deficit target

MADRID (AFP) - Spain's regions are close to the government's target for limiting the budget deficit this year, according to figures for the first nine months of 2011 released yesterday.

The total deficit for the autonomous regions was 1.19 percent of gross domestic product for January to September, close to the target of 1.3 percent for the whole of 2011, Finance Minister Elena Salgado said.


The figures were good news for Spain's incoming conservative government which is under pressure to cut the deficit and reassure the markets that lend it money of its financial stability.

Key to lowering the country's overall deficit are the powerful regions, which manage costly budgets for spending on services such as healthcare and education.

Spain has promised to trim its overall national deficit, a big worry for financial markets, from 9.3 percent of GDP last year to 6.0 percent this year and 4.4 percent in 2012.

To do this the outgoing Socialist government imposed a 1.3 percent deficit limit on the regional governments.

This has obliged them to enforce painful spending cuts that in some regions have closed hospital services and affected schools, prompting street protests.



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Minister: Germany 'can't bear the load for all of Europe'

BERLIN (AFP) - Germany yesterday hit back at those calling for the country to ride to Europe's rescue, with Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble saying Berlin could not carry the burden for the whole continent.

"No European country would retain its triple-A rating" if the European Central Bank were to become lender of last resort or if eurobonds were to be introduced, Schäuble told the foreign press association in Berlin.

"Even Germany is too small to shoulder the entire burden for the whole of Europe or for the whole (euro) currency area," said the minister.

There have been appeals from around the world for Germany either to contribute more heavily to the eurozone rescue fund or to backtrack on its opposition to pooling debt within the 17-nation euro zone.

Berlin is also blocking what many see as the most powerful solution to the eurozone crisis -- allowing the ECB to intervene more forcefully on the

bond markets to bring down member states' borrowing costs.

Despite the air of doom and gloom, Schäuble was relatively optimistic that Europe could get its act together to solve the crisis.

Asked how long the crisis would last, Schäuble said: "Ah, not so long. We just need to convince the markets that the euro will emerge stronger from this crisis than it was at the beginning."

Schäuble's comments came hours after Chancellor Angela Merkel's spokesman warned that Germany's pockets were not so deep and it had its own debt concerns.

Speaking at a regular government news conference, Steffen Seibert said: "Germany has solidarity with its European partners and has already deployed enormous resources. But we also have debt to deal with."

"We are on a good path to doing this ... but we too do not have unlimited financial resources," added Seibert.

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Mariachi music, Fado songs gain UNESCO listing

DENPASAR (AFP) - Chinese shadow puppetry, the doleful Fado songs of Portugal and Mexico's Mariachi music made UNESCO's annual list of "intangible cultural heritage," which closed on Monday.

After days of deliberation on Indonesia's Bali island, envoys added 19 new traditions, including South Korea's ramie weaving technique, Turkey's keskek meat dish and French horseriding to the prestige list.

They join more than 200 practices already given the UN seal of approval, including oral traditions, performing arts, rituals and festive events.

The list, which has been updated every year since 2009, consists of "intangible heritage practices and expressions (that) help demonstrate the diversity of this heritage and raise awareness about its importance," UNESCO said on its website.

The body recognised Mariachi music for delivering "values of respect for the natural heritage" of Mexico, while the spread of Fado songs through emigration reinforced "its image as a symbol of Por-



tuguese identity."

French horsemanship was credited with building "harmonious relations between humans and horses", the website explained.

The list aims to boost the profile of "intangible cultural heritage" and to foster a wider respect for cultural diversity, according to UNESCO.

Other new entries included Tsiattista poetic duelling from Cyprus, featuring impromptu oral poetry performed with an accompaniment of violin or lute and Croatia's Nijemo Kolo -- a "silent" dance of en-

ergetic, spontaneous steps performed without music.

While entrants seek the prestige of joining the list and perhaps a level of boon to their tourist industries, another category is reserved for endangered traditions in need of preservation.

The envoys in Bali placed 11 new entries ranging from Iran to Brazil in the urgent preservation category, which has listed 16 endangered traditions since 2009.

Included this year were the Al-Sadu traditional form of weaving by Bedouin women

in rural communities of the United Arab Emirates and the Eshuva sung prayer which is performed for healing or as part of traditional ceremonies in Peru, UNESCO said on its website.

"There is an element of urgency on the items on the safeguarding list, otherwise it is feared they will disappear," UNESCO spokesman Rasul Samadov said.

Other new entries in need of protection were Mongolian folk songs played on ancient flutes, the art of Yimakan storytelling by China's ethnic Hezhen and Mauritania's Moorish epic T'heydinn poems.

An indigenous Brazilian drought ritual called Yaokwa and Vietnam's Xoan singing, practised in sacred places of Phu Tho province during spring were also placed on the safeguarding list.

Iran secured two spots, the first with its oldest form of dramatic story-telling, Naqqali, which recounts tales in verse or prose accompanied by gestures and movements.

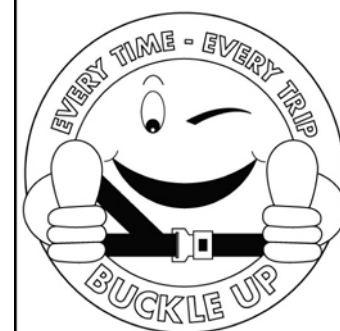
The building and sailing of Lenjes, traditional boats used

in the Gulf, was also listed by Iran.

UNESCO said the meeting on Bali had been mostly funded by Indonesia, which won a place on the list with its colourful clapping Saman dance, "the dance of a thousand hands", chosen from among 18 entries by 24 nations.

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"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are made from hand-cut fresh Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet



cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner - daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner or Manager Marc Anthony when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely worth a visit

SPORT

University sacks coach amid molestation probe

SYRACUSE (AFP) - Syracuse University on Sunday sacked associate head basketball coach Bernie Fine, who is under investigation for allegedly molesting young boys.

Fine, 65, was in his 36th season at the university he once attended.

He had been placed on administrative leave earlier this month after the university learned authorities were investigating claims by two former Syracuse ball boys that Fine molested them.

Fine, who has not been charged with any crime, has called the allegations "patently false".

A third accuser has since reportedly come forward, saying Fine molested him in 2002 in a Pittsburgh hotel room, according to The Post-Standard of Syracuse.

The accuser, 23-year-old Zach Tomaselli, is himself facing sexual assault charges in



Maine involving a 14-year-old boy.

One of the other accusers, 39-year-old Bobby Davis, told the sports network ESPN that Fine molested him beginning in 1984 and that they had sexual contact until he was about 27 years old.

On Sunday, ESPN also played an audiotape, obtained and recorded by Davis, apparently of an October 2002 telephone conversation between

him and Bernie Fine's wife, Laurie.

On the tape, the woman said to be Laurie Fine says she had concerns about possible abuse by Fine but felt unable to take action.

On Friday, federal authorities carried out a search at Fine's home in suburban Syracuse but gave no details of what they sought.

The allegations against Fine come on the heels of another abuse scandal that rocked the mighty Pennsylvania State University football program.

Former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky has been charged with sexually abusing eight boys over a 15-year period.

Sandusky has said he is innocent, but outrage over the failure of university personnel to act on concerns about his behavior led to the ouster of iconic football coach Joe Paterno.

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by Rosalie Klein



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BRIDGE RESULTS ALOHA BRIDGE CLUB ARUBA



The results 50% and higher are as follows:

- 1) Willy Flanegin / Joke Henriquez 73.08 %
- 2) Geke In 't Veld / Jan van der Roest 66.88 %
- 3) Gertie Vultink / Cobie van den Hazel 51.60 %

Thursday, November 24th, 2011

A total of ten pairs attended the bridge play at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort. The results 50% and higher are as follows:

- 1) Tiny Boerkamp / Wim Boerkamp 71.04 %
- 2) Stascha Hornix / Henk Berghuizen 67.34 %
- 3) Joke Henriquez / Carola Pinxter 59.74 %
- 4) Gerry Meenhorst / Geke In 't Veld 50.76 %

Friday, November 25th, 2011

A total of nine pairs attended the bridge session at the Frank Conway Room of the Casa del Mar Beach Resort.

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of the Casa del Mar Beach Resort, starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time.

Fee for guest players: US \$ 6.00 per person; fee for members: Afl. 6.50 per person. The club can also be of assistance in getting single players a bridge partner. Please call Addy Eilers: tel. 582-4953.

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NFL: Patriots deal Eagles playoff blow

PHILADELPHIA (AFP) - Tom Brady and the New England Patriots dealt a heavy blow to Philadelphia's NFL playoff hopes on Sunday with a 38-20 rout of the ailing Eagles.

In a re-match of the 2005 Super Bowl, Brady threw for 361 yards and three touchdowns, while the Eagles' Vince Young, standing in for injured signal-caller Michael Vick, had a career-best 400 passing yards in defeat.

In a season that began with Super Bowl expectations, the Eagles retain just a slim mathematical chance of reaching the post-season.

By the second half, Eagles fans had turned their anger on coach Andy Reid, chanting "Fire Andy!"

"The way we played, I can understand," said Reid, whose reigning NFC East division champions fell to 1-5 at home.

Vick broke two ribs in a loss to Arizona on November 13. He hasn't trained in a fortnight and it wasn't clear if he would be able to play when the Eagles visit Seattle on short rest on Thursday.

Young, who led the Eagles to a victory against the New York Giants as he filled in for Vick last week, delivered a creditable performance, and the Eagles took an early 10-0 lead.

But the Eagles defence couldn't stop Brady and the AFC East division-leading Pats, who improved to 8-3.

Brady completed 24 of 34 passes. Deion Branch had 125 yards receiving and Wes Welker caught eight passes for 115 yards and two touchdowns.

Brady's favorite targets,



Defensive back Javier Arenas #21 of the Kansas City Chiefs breaks up a pass intended for wide receiver Mike Wallace #17 of the Pittsburgh Steelers during the second half on November 27.

tight ends Rob Gronkowski and Aaron Hernandez, also delivered, Gronkowski catching his 11th touchdown pass and Hernandez with six catches. BenJarvus Green-Ellis rushed for two touchdowns.

The Oakland Raiders took advantage of three interceptions from another fill-in quarterback -- Chicago's Caleb Hanie -- in a 25-20 victory over the Bears.

Hanie struggled in his first career start in place of Jay Cutler, who broke his right thumb in a victory last week.

Houston inched closer to the AFC South division title with a 20-13 victory over Jacksonville. But the Texans suffered a blow when quarterback Matt Leinart left the game shortly before halftime with a

shoulder injury that he said he thought could be a broken collar bone.

Leinart was already filling in for injured starter Matt Schaub, leaving the Texans with no experienced options at quarterback if Leinart's injury is serious.

The Jets' Mark Sanchez threw four touchdown passes, including the game-winner to Santonio Holmes with little more than a minute to play as the Jets beat Buffalo 28-24.

The Jets improved to 6-5 to keep their hopes of a late playoff push alive.

Surprising Cincinnati engineered a second-half comeback capped by a field goal in the final minute for a 23-20 victory over Cleveland.

The Bengals improved to 7-

4 to stay in touch with Baltimore and Pittsburgh in the AFC North.

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, playing with a broken thumb, threw for one touchdown and Pittsburgh's defence came up big in a 13-9 victory at Kansas City.

Chiefs quarterback Tyler Palko -- another backup standing in for injured Matt Cassel -- had four turnovers, including Keenan Lewis's interception of a Palko pass with 29 seconds left that sealed the victory.

Pittsburgh improved to 8-3, as Baltimore did with a win over San Francisco on Thursday.

Denver's Matt Prater kicked a 37-yard field goal with 29 seconds left in overtime to lift the Broncos to a 16-13 victory over reeling San Diego.

In other games, Washington scored 16 points in the fourth quarter to rally for a 23-17 victory over Seattle, Atlanta beat Minnesota 24-14, Tennessee forced five turnovers and overcame five turnovers in a 23-17 victory over Tampa Bay, and Arizona defeated St. Louis 23-20.

The misery continued for Indianapolis, with Carolina defeating the Colts 27-19.

The Panthers ended a 12-game road losing streak that stretched back to December 2009, while the Colts, who have been without superstar quarterback Peyton Manning all season as he recovers from neck surgery, fell to 0-11 for the first time since 1986.

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appreciation for Edson Ersilia of Curacao

Two days of recurring drizzles and downpours did not dampen the spirit of dedicated beach volleyball competitors and fans during the two-day tournament conducted at Druif Beach, just across from the Divi Village Resort, this past weekend, November 26 & 27.

This year, for the first time, the Aruba Volleyball Association combined the island's scholastic event with exhibition games pitting pro players from Aruba against a delegation from Curacao, for some spectacular athletic action as a final flourish to the competition on Sunday afternoon.

3 pro teams from each island competed for the top spots, Aruba's dynamic duo of Erginel De Cuba and Mitchell Daniel took the #1 spot in the Men's Division, but Aruba gave up the top spot in the Ladies' Division to Samira Luis and Christine Anthony from Curacao. Aruba also claimed third place in the men's division, as Curacao did in the Women's. Petite Yaxzuly Toyo of Colegio Arubano was named Most Valuable Player overall.

Present for this accredited event was Hans Nieukerke from NEVOBO, the official volleyball association of Holland, and Juan Cartagena, Head Technical Director of the Puerto Rico Volleyball Association, who coached and critiqued the players.

This year, 11 schools teams of the MAVO and HAVO category, where students range in ages from 12 to 20, competed in the Scholastic Games. Taking the top spot in the Women's Division was the team from



Erginel De Cuba leaps to make a killer serve as he and

Colegio Arubano (1); 2nd place went to Colegio San Antonio, and 3rd to Colegio Arubano (2)

1st place winner among the male school teams was

again Colegio Arubano, while San Antonio took 2nd place with Juliana School (1) going home with the 3rd place trophy.

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